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37 CFR § 1.116**

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 15, 18 and 20 were rejected in the office action. Claims 11-14, 16-17 and 19 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 21-31 previously have been withdrawn. Claims 1, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18 and 19 have been amended. Claims 9 and 11 have been canceled. No claims have been added. Therefore, following entry of the present response, claims 1-8, 10 and 12-20 will be pending in the present application.

The present amendment is filed concurrently with an RCE, and therefore entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 15, 18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant admitted prior art and in view of U.S. Patent 4,301,508 to Anderson *et al.* ("Anderson").

Although applicant disagrees with the rejection of the claims over Anderson in the office action, applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner. In particular, the features of canceled claim 11 (and the features of canceled claim 9 from which claim 11 originally depended), have been incorporated into present claim 1.

Also, claim 3 was objected to because the relationship between the claimed microprocessor, A/D converter and a digital signal processor, with a metering circuit was not clear. Applicant has amended claim 3 to overcome the stated objection.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-8, 10 and 12-20.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the claims are allowable and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Vincent J. Roccia at (215) 564-8946, to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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